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land. May I know whether the Government have got a list of the persons who have encroached upon the land and when are the Government contemplating to give pattas to the persons who are cultivating the lands as there is a fear that after the lands are improved, the persons who have improved them are liable to be evicted? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I have already stated that pattas have not been given and there is also no encroachment. The people who are cultivating there are doing so by permission. Now the Government are forming co-operative colonies so that the landless poor can be rehabilitated there."

* 2156 Q.—THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, Question Nos. 2156 and 2157 may be taken up together. I shall read first the answer to Question No. 2157."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Yes, they may be taken up together."

Death of a person in Police custody at Gudiyatham.

* 2157 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Arumugam, the brother of the village karnam of Seevoor, Gudiyatham, died in the Gudiyatham Town Police Station on 27th February 1955 as a result of beating by the Police;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry was conducted by Judicial Officers about this;

(c) if so, with what result; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to place the report on the inquiry on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) It is a fact that on 27th February 1955 a resident of Sedukkarai, named Arumugam died at Gudiyattam Police station but it is not true to say that he died as a result of his having been beaten by the police.

" (b) The Sub-Collector, Tiruppattur, enquired into the matter.

" (c) The enquiry has revealed that death was due to poisoning. The matter is under further investigation.

" (d) The question of placing the Sub-Collector's report on the table of the House can be considered only after the investigation referred to in clause (c) is completed."